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MISSOULA--

The Department of Radio-Television at the University of Montana has received \$6,000 worth of equipment through a donation from the Western Broadcasting Co. in Missoula.

According to Thomas R. McGinley, chief engineer for the department, the equipment had been used by KCFW-TV in Kalispell, which is owned by Western Broadcasting Co. Among the major items donated are three Ampex video tape recorders, two black and white TV cameras and a dual-turret slide drum for a slide projector.

"The equipment in the donation adds to the existing facilities in the department, which we put back into operation this year," McGinley said. He added that the full program utilizing the TV equipment will be operational this fall.

McGinley said that the department plans to make more equipment acquisitions through donations from TV stations in Montana, especially since there is no actual demand for black and white equipment except <sup>by</sup> educational institutions. Stations which donate equipment to UM may be eligible for tax exemptions.

However, McGinley said the department will have to upgrade its system to color soon because all Montana TV stations have color, and graduates in radio-TV will have to be familiar with color systems.

According to McGinley, the department helped to write a bill asking for funds from the 1977 Montana Legislature for color system equipment, but the bill was killed in committee.

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